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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Chief, Congressional Support Staff, NFAC

FROM : Associate Coordinator for Academic Relations
and External Analytical Support, NFAC

SUBJECT : Additional Requests from HPSCI on CIA's
Relationship with Academia

The following is provided in response to requests made by
Loch Johnson on 21 August 1978:

1. The Academic Relations Staff is charged with stimulating and facilitating professional contacts between NFAC and the US academic community. The Deputy Director for Intelligence established the position of Coordinator for Academic Relations in 1966. There were two basic reasons for the creation of this position. First, the need at that time to develop strong ties with China scholars. Government interest in China was growing, and governmental expertise was not as strong as it should have been. In fact, we did not have adequate knowledge of the location and quality of China scholarship available in the US. Second, it had been a bad year for Agency/academic relations. The National Student Association controversy had repercussions not only for the operational side of CIA, but we found that we had trouble sustaining the solid, professional scholarly contact which is necessary to our work. In about 1970, the Coordinator began expanding ties with specialists in Soviet/East European affairs, as well.

2. In December, 1976 the position of Academic Coordinator, which during the preceding ten years had been a part-time responsibility of one officer, was broadened and upgraded. Two full-time officers were assigned the portfolio which was augmented to include the coordination of relationships with private research centers. Later, with the formation of the National Foreign Assessment Center, the program was

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